

DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS

**YOUTH TREATMENT STANDARDS WORKGROUP**

**ANSWERS TO MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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**What is the direction and purpose of the Youth Treatment Standards Workgroup?**

The current task of the Youth Treatment Standards Workgroup is to finalize youth specific treatment requirements to be included in the licensing and certification regulations.

**Why are youth treatment regulations being developed at this time?**

The Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs' (ADP) Licensing and Certification Division (LCD) and its stakeholder workgroup are combining the residential facility regulations with the requirements from the alcohol and other drug certification standards to form the basis for revised licensing and certification regulations. This provides an excellent opportunity for youth specific requirements to be added to the certification process, which is consistent with the goals of the Youth Treatment Standards Workgroup.

**What is the current status of LCD's regulations revision workgroup?**

The regulations workgroup has formed subcommittees to develop written recommendations on various issues, which are due to ADP on March 1, 2002. A summary of the last meeting that contains a list of the subcommittees and its members and an outline of the proposed regulation subchapters is attached.

**How will the work done by the Youth Treatment Standards Workgroup be incorporated into the regulations revision process?**

The requirements that are considered by the Youth Treatment Standards Workgroup to be minimum standards for youth treatment programs will be added to the revised regulations under a subchapter(s) addressing certification of outpatient services for youth and certification of youth residential facilities licensed by other agencies (e.g., group homes licensed by the Department of Social Services). More comprehensive practices developed by the Youth Treatment Standards Workgroup will be part of a separate guideline document.

**Are minimum standards for youth treatment needed?**

Yes. These minimum standards will help ensure safe, appropriate and effective treatment for youth.

**Will all treatment programs serving youth need to comply with the youth-specific regulations?**

The youth-specific regulations will apply only to programs that seek and receive ADP certification as a youth treatment provider. This includes both outpatient programs serving youth and residential facilities serving youth that are licensed by other agencies (e.g., group homes that are licensed by the Department of Social Services). Program certification will remain voluntary. However, once a program is certified, compliance with the regulations will be mandatory.

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